

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

By this Amendment, claims 1, 4-7 and 10-21 are *currently amended*, *no* claims are *canceled*, and *no* claims are *newly added*. Accordingly, claims 1-21 are left *pending*.

With respect to claims 1-14, Applicant acknowledges and thanks Examiner for indicating allowability of these claims, respectfully noting that claims 1, 4-7, and 10-14 are currently amended for further clarification of language and other matters, with no impact on allowability of such claims.

In the last Office Action, claims 15-21 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,69,244 to Clark, Jr. *et al.* (hereinafter “Clark”). The rejection is respectfully traversed in view of the amendments to these claims, and the following discussion.

Clark discloses a handheld graphical user interface (GUI) personal digital assistant (PDA) computer that is coupled to a GPS receiver module. Notably absent from Clark are several points of novelty of the inventive independent claim 15, from which claims 16-20 depend, and independent claim 21. Examiner points to Clark’s recitation of c.15, ll.1-10, as well as Clark’s Fig. 61, to anticipate Applicant’s claimed grid system. From the recitation, Clark refers to overlaying a grid on op of a base map, for sampling, for example, which is adjustable by the user. However, nowhere does Clark hint or suggest Applicant’s claimed feature of “setting up an evenly spaced grid network comprising uniformly spaced points, referred to as grid waypoints, respectively oriented in rows and columns,” nor of requiring user entry of values for the grid waypoints, specifically “requiring entry by a user of values at [the] grid waypoints, referred to as point features, to be used by a user using the handheld GPS device to perform measurements or observations.” The reason is that an important aspect of Applicant’s present invention is to ensure an appropriate density of values pertaining to a grid network, solved by Applicant’s invention through the above-noted steps. Clark attempts to solve no similar problem, nor makes any suggestion forcing the user to provide entry of features within the confines of such a grid. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

With reference to independent claim 21, the claim includes the aforementioned claim language, and is therefore patentable over Clark for the same reasons as independent claim 21.

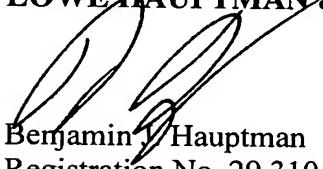
With reference to claims 16-20, as these claims depend from independent claim 15, the claims are also patentable in view of the above-noted arguments in reference to independent claim 15. Accordingly, this rejection should be withdrawn.

Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. All rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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